#### By ARTHUR BRISBANE (Copyright, 1918.)

The skin of a dead muskrat was worth sixty cents before the war. It is worth \$3.75 now. Not so long ago you could have bought two sheep for that sum.

Mr. Elsick, formerly with the Marines, has secured an option on fifty-two thousand acres of marshlands in South Carolina. He won't say what he intends to do with these lands; raise muskrats, per-

Useful development of land, left to the accident of individual purchase enterprise, ought to be the work of national and State Governments. Such marshlands, developed with adequate capital under the direction of army engineers, would produce millions a year in food values, and tens of millions of such acres are going

Jacob Rush, prosperous farmer, is sued for divorce within a month of marriage. His wife says he devotes all his attention to a barrel of hard cider. The man's friends say he is a victim of our human nature. If the Government had prohibited matrimony instead of alcohol, he would have paid all attention to his wife and neglected the hard cider.

Investigating the coal strike, a Federal Judge says he intends to and out "whether the Government of the United States or a group of men shall rule this country."

It is an important question. But why is it asked only when working demand more pay? McAdoo ing from five hundred to two thousand per cent profit, yet nobody seemed to get excited about that, nothing happened in court.

A large body of workmen de-nanding steady work and fair pay is a menace to the Governent. But a small group of men exploiting natural resources and rust methods is merely "good American business."

The street car trust in New York, which has done as brazen stealing as any organization in the country—and that is saying a good deal—declares, with of-ficial backing, that it must add 3 cents to the street car fare of working men, women and chil-ires to earn dividends on its earn dividends on its experts say that the transporta-ion trust is "losing" eight mil-ion dollars a year. It carries

two billion passengers yearly.
Two billion times 3 cents extra fare would mean sixty millions more net annual revenue. Stealing from the people sixty millions to make up for an alleged deficit of eight millions is typical of corporation extortion. The trust will compromise if it can, on forty millions. Does any court get excited about that?

On what has labor been feeding in England, that makes it so bold? A few hundred Asiatics in British India (or a few thousand, it doesn't make much difference where they breed so rapidly) have been shot down by orders of a British commander. And British labor, if you please, announces that it will compel the Government to punish the commander that ordered the massacre. The interesting part is that, in England, labor really has the power. Over there they haven't got what we have, half a dozen men running for President on the platform, "elect me and I'll show labor where it gets

Four women called to jury duty in the murder trial of a young man named New in Los Angeles were dismissed. They said that they would not vote to inflict death in any case. Proud man says this shows that women are not fit to be jurymen, or vote, or do anything else outside of kitchen or boudoir.

Before the French Revolution the same women would have refused to condemn witnesses to the torture "ordinary and extraordinary." It was the custom when a rich man was accused of crime to torture his servants, although known to be innocent, to make them confess what they knew about their master. Often they were tortured into bearing false witness. Men, then, would have said that women objecting to torture were not fit for public affairs. It was agreed that torture was essential to justice. Woman's influence will end capital punishment, and that will be another step toward civilization, as was the end of public torture brought about by the French Revolution.

An Asiatic scientist has perfected an instrument magnifying by a hundred thousand the highest power of the microscope and making it possible actually to see the growth of plants. This enables future Burbanks to watch from hour to hour the effect of different fertilizers, of water, of electricity, and even of alcohol, on plant life, instead of waiting an entire season to note results. With the new "erescograph" to watch a plant's growth, the ex-ray to look inside of it, and the whole science of chemistry to stimulate it, man, who seems to possess everything but common sense and decency in treatment of his fellows, ought eventually to solve the food prob-

#### WEATHER:

emperature tomorrow. Temperature at 8 a. m. 19 degrees.

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Senate Foreign Relations Committee Votes 7-3 For Peace Resolution

# LLA FLEFING NORTH: U.S. TRO

## TO SUPREME **COURT AIDE**

Evidence Links Minor With Lawyer in Wall Street Speculation.

SHATTER DEDUCTION ALIBI

Prove Dry Decision Tip Was Not Guesswork.

Evidence which tears to shreds the alibi theory that decisions of the United States Supreme Court were being "guessed" by lawyers involved in the leak investigation is today in tunities in the name of the other. the hands of Attorney General A. day school classes, men's Bible class-Mitchell Palmer.

Judge C. B. Ames, assistant Attorney General, and Capt. Frank know that one graduate of the Opporhave wrong from the lawyers who preacher with a circuit of three parhave been interrogated admissions Today's receipts total not quite one—which confirm the information furishes.

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Warned in Advance.

More than two weeks ago Judge Ames was warned that the lawyers scheme would, through prearrangement, set up the alibi plea that they had "deduced" the decisions in case of "trouble" with the Federal authorities. That is precisely what happened, but the wily "inside informaion" speculators had overlooked several important points in their stories. ludge Ames seized upon these facts. and as a result the plausible theory of guessing has been discounted by

The wheels of justice are grinding slowly, but with precision, and there will be important developments in the now celebrated Supreme Court decisions leak case. The demand of Chief Justice Edward D. White that if this be true, the guilty must be punished" will be made good.

Court Attache Blamed.

Judge Ames is in possession of evi dence which definitely connects a minor attache of the court with one of the lawyers in the case and which shows that these two men were concerned with a speculation in Southern Pacific stock on November 17, one of them selling the stock short at a Wall street brokerage shop and making a profit of \$1,500 on a small investment. This was the day that the Supreme Court handed down its decision in the Southern Pacific oil lands case. The (Continued on Page 3, Column 1.)

#### Keeping Up With The Times

A FACT A DAY

Mr. Faulkner is today one year old-in the position of Automotive Editor of The Times. In that year the Saturday Automotive Section of The Times has grown to be the largest published by any newspaper in the countrylargest in volume of advertising regularly published, largest and most quoted in its news of interest to all automobile owners.

Much might be said in addition, but nothing could well emphasize that plain and simple statement.

It's a day for congratulation to Mr. Faulkner, and The Times herewith extends a hearty handclasp.

### Fourteen Christmas **Opportunities**

You will please find herewith my usual contribution to each of your outstanding opportunities. It is impossible to find a better investment." The morning mail at the Social Service House brings this indorsement from a man who has evidently ob-tained satisfactory dividends from his annual subscription to the Christmas Opportunities,

Like other contributors, who give their names and addresses, the writer has received a report from the Associated Charities each year showing the progress being made in the particular families toward whose support he has contributed. These reports are a regular feature of the Christmas Department Agents fund and enable each giver to learn just what return his money is bring-

> An old veteran from the United States Soldiers' Home is among today's subscribers. "If I could send more, I would," he says, "but I have some poor in other places to send a little to." Two mutual friends have sent word

that following their previous custom instead of exchanging presents, each will contribute to one of the oppor-It is suggested that churches, Sunes, and Church clubs will find in the Opportunities a splendid expression of

tributions may be sent to the office of The Times or to the office of the Associated Charities, 928 H street northwest, and will be promptly acknowl-

OPPORTUNITY NO. 1. and their associates in the leak The Father Gone Blind, Bravely Re-educating Himself. Previously acknowledged, \$64; Mrs. S. H. R., \$2; Mrs. T. E. B., fr., \$10; Congress Heights Athletic Club, \$5; A friend, \$3; Cash. \$5; A. E. S., \$1; G. H. S., \$20; M. S. S., \$1; J. H. G., \$1; F. J. F., \$1; M. B. L., \$2; total, \$115.

OPPOBTUNITY NO. 2. Influenza Took Away the Breadwinner. Previously acknowledged, \$157; W. L. B., 1; A. E. S., \$1; Mrs. C. B. R., \$20; J. H. G., \$1; total, \$190.

OPPORTUNITY NO. 3. Wife Descried Trying to Keep the Home Fires Burning. Previously acknowledged, \$126.50; A., \$1; J. H. G., \$1; total, \$128.60. OPPORTUNITY NO. 4.

Breaking With One Misfertune After Another. Previously acknowledged, \$65; M. T. E., \$5; C. W. S., \$10; Miss Eberiy, \$10; R. N., \$5; A. E. S., \$2; J. H. G., \$1; F. L. D., \$2; G. V. S., \$10; total, \$110. OPPORTUNITY NO. 5. rentern-Year-Old Lad Breadwins

For a Family of Seven.

Previously received, \$66.68; Mrs. D. B. H., \$5; L. B., \$5; Paid, \$5; A. E. S., \$1; V. C. M., 5; Cash, \$2; J. H. G., \$1; R. M. W., \$5; total, \$95.68. OPPOBUUNITY NO. 7. Nine Young Americans in the Making.

Previously acknowledged, \$73.50; A. E., \$1; J. G. G., \$1; total, \$75.50. OPPORTUNITY NO. 8. Better Off Without Their Father.

Previously acknowledged, \$70.50; Mrs. D. B. H., \$5; A. E. S., \$1; J. H. G., \$1; total, \$77.50. OPPORTUNITY NO. 9. The Sword of Democles-Tuberculosis Previously acknowledged, \$124.50; E. S. O., \$10; A. E. S., \$1; Cash, \$3; M. E. P., \$5; J. H. G., \$1; M. B. L., \$2; A friend, \$2; M. C. McG., \$5; total, \$151.50.

OPPORTUNITY NO. 10. Trying To Serve Two Masters. Previously acknowledged, \$169.50; A. E. S., \$1; J. H. G., \$1: total, \$171.50. OPPORTUNITY NO. 11.

Our Old Friend John and His Orohan Brothers and Sisters. Previously acknowledged, \$48.50; Mutual Improvement Club, \$5; E. F. G. M., \$5; A. E. S., \$1; E. W. H., \$1; J. H. G., \$1; OPPORTUNITY NO. 12. A Little Mother and Her Charges.

Previously acknowledged, \$57.50; A. P. S., \$1; Mrs. J. G., \$5; S. B. P., \$3; J. H. G., \$1; M. C. McG., \$5; total, \$102.50. OPPORTUNITY NO. 13. Widowed and Crippled, But Making a Plucky Fight. Previously acknowledged, \$55.50; A. L. P. Co., \$25; Mutual Improvement Club, 40; A. E. S., \$1; E. W. H. \$1; Mrs. C. V. R., \$20; R. S. F., \$10; J. H. G., \$1; total,

OPPORTUNITY NO. 14. Sharing Her Home With Another. Previously acknowledged, \$49.50; R. M., \$25 A. E. S., \$1; M. D. S., \$10; J. H. G., \$1; F. J. F., \$1; J. A. W., \$5; E. I. S., \$2; L. W. McC., \$10; Mrs. V. N., \$5, total,

UNDESIGNATED. Previously acknowledged, \$260. Total amount asked for, \$10.949. Total amount received, \$2,594.68. Still needed, \$8,354.32.

COAL MISSION DELAYED.

Announcement of the personnel of the commission which is to make final settlement of the coal controversy will not come until all of the appointees have accepted, the White

House announced today. TAKE BELL-ANS BEFORE MEALS and see how fine good digestion makes you feel

# SURGEON SHOT CRAZED YANK

Dr. John F. Rooney Wounded by Walter S. Holbert at Providence Hospital.

EXPECTED TO RECOVER

Wounded Soldier, Probably Deranged From Shell-Shock, Thought He Was Slighted.

light of his injuries, Walter S. Hol- hire this man to kidnap Billy. The bert, of Millville, W. Va., a wounded man and a confederate went to Ham-overseas soldier, this morning fired monton, kidnaped Billy, and handed three shots from a .32-caliber revol- cific coast, who were waiting nearby ver into the back of Dr. John F. Roo-ney, of 1330 Vermont avenue, at-

Holbert was captured a moment afterwards, following a short chase through the snow, by officers from police headquarters, on a visit to Detective Lieutenant James E. Armstrong, assisted by three other wound-

ed soldier patients. At police headquarters Holbert declared that he had suffered insults from the physician while his wounds were being dressed, a statement which is denied flatly at the hospital, and that he had lain in walt to kill

Holbert had given trouble at the hospital that resulted in his ward being changed. He told the police that he had previously sought to kill two lieutenants who had been stationed at the military hospital at Lakewood, N. J. where he had been treated last spring.

It is thought he may have been deranged from shell shock.

Wounded Four Times, Dr. Rooney was wounded four times by the three bullets, one shot passing through the covering of the eft side of the thorax, emerging rom the side, and passing through the left arm at the shoulder. A second went through his right arm at the elbow, and a third through the flesh of the left shoulder. If infection does not set in, his con-

dition is not believed to be serious, crippled permanently. Holbert had been in the army since

1914 and was among the first troops armies in France and Flanders. sent overseas. He was wounded in the left foot by a high explosive ing with the lord lieutenant. He said shell, which the hospital physicians believe caused shell shock. Holbert exploded that he drew his revolver also says that he was gassed, although this does not appear on the hospital record. He was invalided home and placed in a military hospital at Lakewood, N. J., from which he was released last spring. According to his story at police

eadquarters, he returned to Lakewood last August with the intention CIVIL WAR IN IRELAND of killing two lieutenants who had been unkind to him, found the hospital discontinued and came to Washington, where he was advised to go to Providence Hospital to have his foot dressed. He remained there as a patient, and was allowed to go about the hospital and out of doors. Yesterday he obtained the revolver.

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#### WHAT HAVE YOU DONE FOR FAMILIES OF POLICE?

The death today of Detective Sergeant James Armstrong as a result of a hattle with a boy dandit, brings preminently to attention the need of a fund for relief of widows and children of policemen.

Manager James H. Weaver, of the Oxford Hotel, today sent in a subscription of \$50 for relief of Armstrong's family. What are you going to do?

Billy Dansey Still Living, Says Author

Writer of Detective Stories Has Letter Showing Boy Is In 'Frisco

HAMMONTON, N. J., Dec. 20.-That Billy Dansey is still alive and in San Francisco was the tip given Atlantic county authorities today by Arthur B. Reeve, writer of scientific detective stories, who investigated the Dansey mystery for the Newspaper Enter-prise Association, a feature service, with headquarters in Cleveland. The information came to Reeve in

a letter postmarked Pittsburgh, the Dansey former home. Reeve turned the letter over to Prosecutor Gaskill. The substance of the letter follows: "A former New Jersey woman married a rich San Francisco man. This couple lost their only child. The bereaved mother saw Billy Dansey's picture in a magazine last summer Lying in wait armed in the rotunda and decided to kidnap him. This wo-of Providence Hospital for the sur-quainted with a distant relative of him over to the couple from the Pa-

"When the case aroused nation Burke, of the Investigation Bureau, tunities is now a home missionary tached to the Public Health Service. wide interest, the kidnepers became The act was witnessed by Miss frightened, and again called on their

> The letter produced by Reeve gives the names of the San Francisco couple and the name of the Dansey relative alleged to have engineered the kidnaping.

#### FRENCH NOT ALARMED BY ATTACK IN DUBLIN

He Declares Routine Will Not Be Altered by All the Threats in Ireland.

to alter my routine for all of the kept upon duress other than to be threats in Ireland," declared Lord a "guest of the Police Department at French, lord liuetenant of Ireland, in a hotel" until he had confessed. Ther discussing today the attempt that he was locked in a cell, Grant said, was made upon his life near Dublin at the Tenth Precinct Police Station.

The latest available information shows that, in addition to the pistol night inspector of detectives, O'shea shots that were fired, five bombs attempted to impress upon the jury were thrown at the lord lieutenant. The official probably owes his life to the fact that the assailants mis took the second automobile for the one in which he was really riding. The lord lieutenant's automobile was CLEMENCEAU EXPECTED heavily armored. Lady French was with her husband.

After the attack Lord French smilalthough attending brother physicians ingly declared that the fusillade was fear that his right elbow may be greater than anything he had encoun tered in the world war, while he was French Premier Will Retire Within commander-in-chief of the British Edward Holly, a detective, was ridit was not until the fifth bomb had and began shooting. Some of the assailants were pro-

vided with bicycles. These men sped away on their machines followed by bullets from the military men and policemen accompanying Lord French.

### ADVOCATED BY PRESS

London Daily Post Asserts Britain Has No Alternative Save Surrender.

LONDON, Dec. 20 .- "Let there be civil war in Ireland, for there is no alternative for the British government save surrender," said the Morning Post today, in commenting upon the attempt to assassinate Lord French, lord lieutenant of Ireland, near Dublin yesterday. "Let the Sinn Fein leaders suffer the consequences. "It is imperative that the government clear out the cursed gang of irreconciliables in Ireland," said the Daily Graphic. The Times expresses the belief that

the end of the Irish troubles is not yet in sight. The Chronicle, which is generally regarded as the organ of Premier Lloyd George, does not express any surprise over the attack. "The attempt to assassinate Lord

French will not modify the premier's forthcoming statement on Monday regarding the new home rule measure for Ireland," said the Manchester Guardian. "The government is beievel to be ready to enact a new home rule measure immediately if Ire. Va. To be collector of internal reveland is ready for it and is prepared to nue for the District of Montanaconsider it seriously."

# SAYS LAWYER

Draws Admission Officer Told Slayer Suspect "Things Looked Black" for Him.

LI'S ACTIONS NOT PROBED

Police Accepted Story of Chief Witness Without Investigation of His Actions.

Ziang Sung Wan, on trial for murder in Criminal Division No. 1. Jusgeon who he imagined had made Hercules Dansey, jr., Billy's father, tice Gould presiding, only confessed to the murder of Ben Sen Wu, one of the three members of the Chinese Educational Mission who were slain last January, when told that 'things looked awfully black for him. You better tell the truth," Inspector Clif-'ord L. Grant, chief of detectives, idmitted while testifying yesterday. Grant also admitted the police had never probed the actions of Kang Li, their chief witness against Wan. Denies Third Degree.

Grant took occasion to emphaticaly deny that Wan, during his incarceration in a room at the Dewey Hotel, had been subjected to the "third degree," or any violent meth-ods, to extort the "confession" from

It was Grant who obtained the first noriminating statement from Wan and the other admissions from him that he had shot and killed Wu, after he alleges the latter "shot and killed Dr. Wong and Mr. Hsie."

While Attorney James A. O'Shea of counsel for Wan, attempted to impress the jury that Wan had been subjected to a cruel, grueling examination by detectives. Grant declared DUBLIN, Dec. 20 .- "I am not going that at no time was the defendant In a rapid fire of questions yesterday put to Lieut. Guy E. Burlingame that Wan, after his arrest in New York, had been brought to Washing (Continued on Page 3, Column 3.)

## TO TAKE PRESIDENCY

Two Months, Say Authoritative Reports.

LONDON, Dec. 20 .- Premier Clemenceau of France has decided definitewithin two months, it was reported authoritatively today.

From sources close to the "Tiger' it was learned that during the recent conference in London between Clemenceau, Lloyd George, and Scialoia, statements were made that the French premier virtually had decided o accept the presidency.

He has been assured there will be no opposition if he becomes a candidate, according to this information. Clemenceau will not be a figurehead," it was declared, but will direct the affairs of the French government through the cabinet.

#### SENATE VOTES TO END **SUGAR CONTROL JUNE 30**

The Senate today adopted an amendment to the McNary sugar control bill providing for the end of the sugar control over the domestic crop on June 30 of next year by a vote of 50 to 12. The action was an amendment to the House amendment providing for

all sugar.

#### PRESIDENT NOMINATES J. S. WILLIAMS AGAIN

the license of sale and distribution of

The President sent the following nominations to the Senate today: To be Comptroller of the Currency John Skelton Williams, of Richmand, James A. Walsh, of Missoula.

### COMMITTEE O. K.'S PEACE RESOLUTION

Senate Foreign Relations Body Reports Favorably on Knox Plan. 7 to 3.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee today, by a vote of 7 to 3, ordered a favorable report on the Knox resolution declaring peace between the United States and Germany.

The vote was strictly on party lines. Senator Lodge, chairman of the Committee, was instructed to report the resolution at once. He went to the Senate with it immediately.

The resolution is a new proposal for the re-cotablishment of peace, submitted today by Sonater Knex to the Senate Commit-

The proposal is in the form of a resolution providing for the repeal of the resolution which declared a state of war to exist between the United States and Germany.

There was considerable discussion of the resolution by mombers of the committee, which met in executive section.

tion was: Republicans, for: Leave, Mas-sachusetts; Borah, Idain; Brandegee, Connecticut; Knex. Pennsylvania; Harding, Ohio; New, Indiana, and Moses, New Hamp-

Democrats, against: Hitchcock. Nebraska; Williams, Mississippi; Pomerene, Ohio.

The resolution is a joint one. and to be adopted will have to be acted on favorably by the House as well as the Senate.

If passed by both branches, it will have to be approved by the President. Senator Knox said it was his purpose to put the question of the immediate re-establishment

of the country on a peace basis

squarely before Congress and

#### the President. DOUBTFUL IF U. S. WILL RECEIVE RUSS ENVOY

State Department would Vladimir Vochmetroff, from Russia, Mexico from Germany "are absolutely who was released yesterday by the false." immigration authorities at Angel Island to proceed to Washington. officials were greatly relieved, however, to learn that Vochmetroff was a representative of the Central Union of Consumers Society of Russia, instead of representing the Bolshevik government of Russia. Had he represented the Soviet regime directly, Vochmetroff undoubtedly would have ly to retire from the premiership been barred from the country, it is

It was still doubtful today if the

#### 494 LOST IN WRECK.

LONDON, Dec. 20 .- The British steamer Lien Shing, 1,659 tons gross. bound from Hongkong to Salgon, Indo-China, has been lost at sea, according to advices to Lloyds from badly beaten a Mexican. Saigon. The dispatch said 493 natives and one European were lost. Thirty- Mexico, has been directed to report as seven natives were saved.

#### DENY SECRET TREATY.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 26 .- Official denial was made by the Mexican government today that any secret treaty exists between Mexico and Great

#### **KOLCHAK MAY CEDE PART OF SIBERIA** TO JAPAN

firmed report from Basie says Admiral Kolchak, head of the Russian anti-Bolshevik forces in Siberia, has notified the United States that in event the allies decide to abandon Russia he will be compelled to cede part of Siberia to Japan in return for Japanese aid against the Bolsheviki.

PARIS, Dec. 20 .- An uncon-

# GIVE BATTLE

Will Intrench in Coahulla Hills To Check Carranzistas, Officials Here Believe.

FEDERALS IN CLOSE PURSUIT

Outlaw Leader Not Thought Likely to Take Risk of Crossing Border.

American forces along the border received orders today to be on the alert for signs of the approach of Pancho Villa and his robel army, which is being pursued north toward the Rio Grande by a strong body of

federal treeps.

Government officials here were much interested in reports of the rout of the handle shief from Colhushus. They desired by woo attempt an incursion into American

At the War Department it was said the rebel chief would probably seek to intrench his forces in the hills of Coahuila, as indicated by press dispatches from border towns.

Villa in Mountain MEXICO CITY, Dec. 20.-Panche Villa has been located in the Pine mountains, in the state of Coshuile. near the boundary line of the United States, according to an official an-

Federal troops under General Murguia are in close pursuit of the bandit chieftain. Advance forces of cavalry are said to be nearly in touch with Villa's forces. General Barragan, minister of war,

nouncement given out here today.

announced last night that after Villa was expelled from the state of Chihuahua he crossed into Coahulla, then moved northward, and is now approaching the Rio Grande. (The state of Coahuila lies eastward of Chihuahua and borders the

Rio Grande from the vicinity of Laredo to the vicinity of Presidio, Tex. The Pino mountains extend from fifty miles to one hundred and fifty miles from the border.) The war minister said reports of receive shipments of arms and munitions to

## ARREST OF TWO GOBS

Inquiries have been dispatched from Admiral Hugh Rodman, commander of the Pacific fleet, and to the American consul at Mazatlan, to learn whether H. V. Leonard and H. O. Martin, United States sailors are st'll in jail there. Officials of the State Department had been under the impression that the men had been released until press dispatches arrived saying they remained in prison. The sailors were reported to have The American consul at Mazatlan,

sailors, Secretary of State Lansing announced today. The State Department will take steps to see that the men are given i speedy trial.

to the status of the cases of the two

#### DETZER TO CONTEND HE'S BEING "FRAMED" NEW YORK, Dec. 20 .- The defense

of Capt. Carl W. Detzer, charged with cruelty to prisoners while in command of the department of criminal investigation, Lemans, Franc. will continue its case Monday in an effort to show the charges were "framed" by enlisted men. Lieut. Thomas Heffernon, counsel for the defense, said he will produce thirty witnesses, most of whom served under Detser.

#### HOUSE READY TO RECESS FOR MERRY CHRISTMAS

The House today is expected to conclude its program for the pear, 1919, and recess for a "merry Christ-